



COUNTY OF PLACER  
FORESTHILL FORUM  
MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL  
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## **MINUTES OF THE MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

Foresthill Veteran's Memorial Hall, Leroy E. Botts Memorial Park  
24601 Harrison Street, Foresthill, CA 95631

1. **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.**
2. **Welcome and Introduction of Members:** Chair Gail McCafferty; Vice Chair Susan MacIntosh, Chase Dowling, Michael Whittle, Larry Jordan, Sharon Page, Seat 3 vacant.
3. **Approval of April 2, 2018 Agenda & March 5, 2018 Minutes.**  
**MOTION:** Dowling/Jordan 5-0 to approve April 2, 2018 Agenda with the correction of moving 5 A. topic to May meeting.  
**AYES:** McCafferty, MacIntosh, Dowling, Jordan, Page  
**ABSENT:** Whittle  
  
**MOTION:** Dowling/MacIntosh 5-0 to approve March 5, 2018 Minutes  
**AYES:** McCafferty, MacIntosh, Dowling, Jordan and Page  
**ABSENT:** Whittle
4. **Public Comment:**
  1. Sandy Simester and Robin Guthrie of the Foresthill Fabric Friends donated a check to the Foresthill Fire Department.
  2. Paula Bertoncin provided MAC Forum a handout outlining a goal to raise awareness of the upcoming elections and urging everyone to do their part and vote.
  3. On 5/12/18 the chili cook off and pie eating contest will be held and the proceeds will go to cover insurance for the Volunteer Fire Department.
5. **Council Action to be taken: Approved to carry over to May meeting.**
6. **Forum Comments:**

Sharon Page – Ballots for Civic Achievement awards are available. Please submit your nominations.
7. **Action Items:** None

## 8. Information/Non-Action Item:

Jenine Windeshausen – County Treasurer / Tax Collector – On 3/17/18 they performed a financial review of Foresthill Fire Protection District – Key findings are: the 1977 share of property tax are insufficient; fire costs have outpaced revenue; voter approved parcel taxes are the only source of additional revenue which can provide substantial levels of services; further decrease in fire and emergency service levels will escalate fire insurance rates; fire district will deplete; the fire department has remained operational by deficit spending and the new California minimum wage is not sustainable for the fire district.

Current trends – 2007 – 2017 assessed value growth – 1.493%  
2017 – 2021 projected cost up 4.452%. Capital purchases are having a detrimental impact on operating budgets and without additional revenue the fund balance would be exhausted.

John McEldowney – OES – There are fire service governance and funding challenges stemming from Prop 13 ballot measures. With regard to Foresthill voters polling – 4058 surveys were mailed out – 905 surveys were returned. Foresthill tested at a rate of \$180 per parcel. Regarding the Foresthill ballot measure – there were 1254 yes votes and 800 no votes (but not enough to pass).

With fire danger increasing, most insurance companies do not recognize mitigations and proximity to seasonal fire stations and many homeowners are receiving non-renewal letters.

Becky Riggan – County CEO Office – Since the study was completed, they are working with local fire districts and CalFire and will present the situation to the Board of Supervisors on 5/22/18.

Chief Kushen – Newcastle, Foresthill, Placer Hills – He is working with different agencies regarding consolidating and/or eliminating inefficiencies.

CAL FIRE – Foresthill replaced 30 SCBAs; Placer Hills is holding joint recruiting; Foresthill closed Station 88 due to budget shortfall. – Cal Fire is diligently working with 3 agencies to increase cross training; expenses are continually increasing, and wages and benefits have impact on personnel.

Chief Estes gave the number of pieces of equipment in the area: 21 engines, aircraft, dozers and hand crews.

Statewide Cal Fire is serving and safeguarding people in California with transitional staffing.

Andrew Mishler of US Forest Service – they always coordinate with Cal Fire; they focus mainly on Foresthill area, they are minimally staffed and share spots with Cal Fire. Their main goal is to protect Wildland and basic medical support.

The Forum and Public asked questions and gave comments.

## **Reports:**

### **A. Public Safety –**

- a. Placer County Sheriff –they had 196 service calls, 18 general disturbances; 14 suspicious; 5 incidents; 4 thefts; 7 misdemeanors and 8 arrests. It was also confirmed that County Sheriff did not fire any shots at incident on 3/20/18 at Baltimore Mine.
- b. CHP – April will be an emphasis on distracted drivers.
- c. Foresthill Fire Protection District – Chief Kushen reported that there was a MVA necessitating the use of extrication equipment. One person was transported by AMR.
- d. U.S. Forest Service – Snow is melting quickly, and trails are drying out however trails are still not open as they are still too wet for general access. PCWA is installing a gate at Mosquito Ridge Road and they are planning on having one lane open. Sugar Pine Recreation Area has 500 hazardous trees and they are removing as many as they can.

### **B. Placer County Supervisor Jennifer Montgomery: No Report**

### **C. Committees & Community**

- a. Parks Subcommittee – No Report
- b. Foresthill Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council – 4/1/18 is deadline for chamber membership; 4/5/18 at 6PM is the Chamber Mixer; The Economic Development Council met the week before and will be meeting again on either April 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss committees and subcommittees.
- c. Foresthill PUD – No Report

**Adjournment: 9:50** Next regular meeting on May 7, 2018